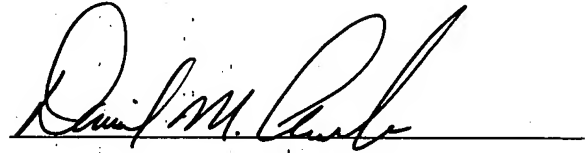


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that, after entry of the amendment above, all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and they earnestly solicit a notice to such effect. That said, should any issues or questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 858.735.7090 so that they may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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